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Subject: EPA Seeks Public Input on 25(b) = Ease State Regulations or Add New Pesticide Classes??

“EPA is considering whether regulatory and policy changes are needed to improve the exemption provisions for pesticides that may be considered minimum risk under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA).”

“Specifically, EPA is seeking public input on:

- Whether programmatic changes are necessary to ease state regulation of federally exempt products; and
- Whether the agency should consider adding any new classes of pesticidal substances for exemption.”

“The Agency is considering streamlining the petition process and revisions to how the Agency evaluates the potential minimum risk active and inert substances, factors used in classes of exemptions, state implementation of the minimum risk program and the need for any future exemptions or modifications to current exemptions. EPA is also requesting comment on whether the Agency should consider amending existing exemptions or adding new classes of pesticidal substances for exemption, such as peat when used in septic filtration systems.” [EPA]

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Advanced Notice:

<https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2021-01/documents/anprm-signed.pdf>

<https://www.epa.gov/minimum-risk-pesticides/advance-notice-proposed-rulemaking-modifications-minimum-risk-pesticide>

EPA Min Risk 25(b) home pages:

<https://www.epa.gov/minimum-risk-pesticides>

EPA Min Risk 25(b) Criteria (newer page not seen before):

<https://www.epa.gov/minimum-risk-pesticides/conditions-minimum-risk-pesticides>

Please refer to the EPA notice further below for details.

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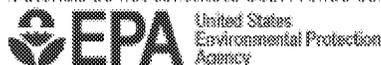
R5 Bed Bug Hotline at 888/644-2200 or bedbugs@umn.edu

To report environmental violations visit <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-incidents>

Life Lesson: We do not stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing.

Have a Bed Bug Free Day!!

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Office of Pesticide Programs Update



EPA Seeks Public Input on the Current Pesticide Exemption Provision Process

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is issuing an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM) to solicit information on the current pesticide exemption provision process.

EPA is considering whether regulatory and policy changes are needed to improve the exemption provisions for pesticides that may be considered minimum risk under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). Changes to the current process could make the implementation and evaluation of the exemption provisions more efficient.

Specifically, EPA is seeking public input on:

- Whether programmatic changes are necessary to ease state regulation of federally exempt products; and
- Whether the agency should consider adding any new classes of pesticidal substances for exemption.

EPA is not yet proposing specific changes to FIFRA exemptions. The agency is only soliciting information that will help to determine if any changes in the regulations should be made.

Upon publication of the Federal Register notice, public comments will be accepted for 90 days in docket ID number EPA-HQ-OPP-2020-0537 at www.regulations.gov.

Background

EPA created the exemption for minimum risk pesticides in 1996 to reduce the cost and regulatory burdens on businesses and the public for pesticides posing little or no risk to human health and the environment.

For more information on minimum risk pesticides exempted from FIFRA registration, visit: <https://www.epa.gov/minimum-risk-pesticides>.

For more information on minimum risk pesticide criteria, visit: <https://www.epa.gov/minimum-risk-pesticides/conditions-minimum-risk-pesticides>.

